
HOUSE BILL No. 1251

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-1-23; IC 20-5-63.

Synopsis: Division of interscholastic athletics. Creates a division of interscholastic athletics within the department of education to regulate, supervise, and administer all interscholastic athletic programs. Allows the division to enter into agreements with nonpublic schools for participation in interscholastic athletic programs and provides that a school corporation may participate only in interscholastic athletics that are governed by the division.

Effective: Upon passage; July 1, 2002.

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January 14, 2002, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-1-23 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON
3 PASSAGE]:

4 **Chapter 23. Division of Interscholastic Athletics**

5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "director" refers to the director**
6 **of interscholastic athletics.**

7 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "division" refers to the division**
8 **of interscholastic athletics.**

9 **Sec. 3. There is established within the department the division**
10 **of interscholastic athletics.**

11 **Sec. 4. (a) The division is governed by a nine (9) member**
12 **interscholastic athletics board of directors appointed under this**
13 **section.**

14 **(b) The superintendent shall appoint a member to represent**
15 **each congressional district. A member must reside in the**
16 **congressional district the member represents.**

17 **(c) The term of a member:**



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- (1) is four (4) years;
- (2) begins on July 1 of the year of appointment; and
- (3) continues until a successor is appointed.
- (d) A member may be appointed to successive terms.
- (e) The interscholastic athletics board shall meet:
 - (1) at least one (1) time each month; and
 - (2) at the call of the chairperson.

Sec. 5. The interscholastic athletics board shall elect from its membership a chairperson, a vice chairperson, and other necessary officers. Members are entitled to receive per diem, lodging, and mileage for attendance at regular or special meetings and shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred for other official duties.

Sec. 6. The interscholastic athletics board has the following powers and duties:

- (1) To regulate, supervise, and administer all interscholastic athletic programs.
- (2) To cooperate with all agencies concerned with the health and educational welfare of secondary school students.
- (3) To establish standards for eligibility, competition, and sportsmanship while providing protection against exploitation of schools or students.
- (4) To determine qualifications for individual contestants, coaches, and officials.
- (5) To enter into agreements with nonpublic schools concerning participation in interscholastic athletic programs.
- (6) To adopt, with the approval of the Indiana state board of education, rules governing interscholastic athletic programs.
- (7) To appoint, with the approval of the superintendent, a director of interscholastic athletics. The director serves at the will of the board. The compensation of the director shall be fixed by the budget agency with the approval of the superintendent.
- (8) With the consent of the superintendent and the budget agency, to appoint and fix salaries for any assistants and other personnel needed to enable the director to accomplish the duties of the director's office.

Sec. 7. After June 30, 2002, a school corporation may participate in an athletic event only if the athletic event is conducted, organized, sanctioned, or sponsored by the division under this chapter.

SECTION 2. IC 20-5-63 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE UPON



1 PASSAGE].

2 SECTION 3. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) As used in this
3 SECTION, "board" refers to the interscholastic athletics board
4 appointed under IC 20-1-23-4, as added by this act.

5 (b) As used in this SECTION, "superintendent" refers to the
6 state superintendent of public instruction.

7 (c) The superintendent shall appoint members to the board
8 under IC 20-1-23-4, as added by this act, not later than June 15,
9 2002.

10 (d) Notwithstanding IC 20-1-23-4(c)(1), as added by this act, the
11 superintendent shall designate four (4) members appointed under
12 this SECTION to serve terms beginning July 1, 2002, and ending
13 June 30, 2004.

14 (e) This SECTION expires July 1, 2003.

15 SECTION 4. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) IC 20-1-23-7, as
16 added by this act, does not apply to a contract entered into before
17 July 1, 2002, for the conduct, organization, sanctioning, or
18 sponsorship of an athletic event.

19 (b) A contract described in subsection (a) may not be extended
20 or renewed if the contract would violate IC 20-1-23-7, as added by
21 this act.

22 (c) This SECTION expires June 30, 2007.

23 SECTION 5. An emergency is declared for this act.

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